

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 3303**

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TO:	The Honorable Leon Howard, Chairman, House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Regulation of Optometrists		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 3303 amends Sections 40-37-20, -30, -290 and -310 and repeals Section 40-37-420 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to the licensure and regulation of optometrists. The Bill deletes definitions of three types of certifications. The Bill specifies which pharmaceutical agents may be prescribed by optometrists and identifies which types of surgical procedures are not included in the practice of optometry.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation reports there is no fiscal impact on the agency or on the State General Fund resulting from enactment of this Bill. The Bill requires licensees to furnish some additional information and allows them to perform additional procedures.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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